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SUBJECT: LACK OF RESPONSE FROM YUGOSLAVS ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT
MATTERS

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1. DURING RECEPTION CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL ILIJA BOGDANOVIC,
CHIEF OF JNA PROCUREMENT DIRECTORATE, DCM REITERATED AMBASSADOR'S
EARLIER APPROACH TO FOREIGN OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILICEVIC
REGARDING NEED FOR EARLY YUGOSLAV RESPONSE TO ISA/ELLSWORTH LETTERS.
BOGDANOVIC REPLIED YUGOSLAVS ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON REPLIES.

2. BOGDANOVIC ASKED WHEN YUGOSLAVS MIGHT GET SOME SOLID RESPONSE

FROM US TO REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND NOTED IN PASSING
"HIGH LEVEL" CONVERSATION ON THIS SUBJECT. WHEN HE SPOLKE OF
POSSIBLY "BEFORE NEXT YEAR", DCM SAID HE PERSONALLY HOPED AND
EXPECTED RESPONSE WOULD BE WELL BEFORE THAT AND THAT YUGOSLAVS
SHOULD HAVE PATIENCE. IN CONCLUSION, BOGDANOVIC URGED US TO
SELL YUGOSLAVIA MODERN EQUIPMENT, SPECIFICALLY "TOW, MAVERICK AND
OTHER SIMILAR EQUIPMENT".
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